

The Friends of Danesbury and Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital



By the time you read this we will be a couple of weeks into the New Year, 2021. Let's hope that 2021 will be a better year all round.

We were very fortunate to be able to open our charity shop in Welwyn High Street on the 3rd December and hoped to raise much needed funds for the charity in the lead up to Christmas. As we held a large quantity of Christmas stock, a Christmas sale was also held on the 5th December at the back of the shop. And what an amazing window display was created by our very talented Georgia Shaw, with a sleigh and reindeer! For those who have donated their time, supported our local charity shop or given a financial donation the Charity is truly grateful. Without your support we would be unable to help the Danesbury and QVM Hospitals.

We can take stock over the past year and look at all the ways in which we have supported the patients. In previous articles we have reported that the closure of the charity shop in the village for 6 months of 2020 has meant that our income during the year was drastically reduced. However, the successful trading of the shop during previous years has meant that we had the financial reserves to enable the Charity to continue to provide the small things to both hospitals. For example – daily papers and weekly magazines, the very popular fish and chip suppers, winter and summer bedding plants for the gardens. During both lock downs the charity has supplied weekly cakes and fruit to help bring a little cheer to patients and staff.

Larger items which have been well received include ipads used by the patients, with the help of the nurses, to see and talk to family members when visitors were not allowed during the lock down.

Our previous articles have mentioned that the Charity is looking for new Trustees. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Charity please do email the Friends on danburyqvm@btconnect.com. Initially you would be invited to attend a few Trustees meetings, which are currently held using zoom once a month at 4pm, to enable you to see and how we run the Charity.